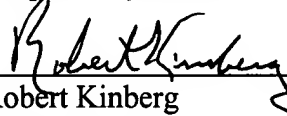


REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is made to eliminate multiple claim dependency and a minor informality. Examination on the merits of the application is requested. A marked up version showing the changes made to the claims is attached.

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5. (Amended) A method according to ~~any one of the preceding Claims~~¹ wherein the sealant is formed of polyamide, polyester, polyvinylchloride or polyurethane silicone.

6. (Amended) A method according to ~~any one of the preceding Claims~~¹ wherein the bag is heated as the sealant is blown into contact with the interior of the bag.

7. (Amended) A method according to ~~any one of the preceding Claims~~¹ wherein the propellant gas is heated.

8. (Amended) A method a method according to ~~any one of the preceding Claims~~¹ wherein the sealant layer is a reinforcing layer.

9. (Amended) A method according to ~~any one of the preceding Claims~~¹ wherein the air-bag is a side-curtain air-bag.

10. (Amended) An air-bag when fabricated by a method according to ~~any one of the preceding Claims~~¹.